

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Currently, when a user remotely controls a home server via the Internet, the home server must be continuously connected to the Internet. This continuous connection has room for improvement in terms of security and communication costs. A user terminal calls a home server, which issues a connection request to an Internet service provider. The provider connects the server to the Internet and allots an IP address to the server. The server sends this address to the user terminal, which issues to the home server a control request over a home network device using the IP address. The home server sends a command to the home network device and receives a status report from the device. The status is thus conveyed to the user.